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- **Asbestos Expert Exposes USEPA Tremolite Asbestos Cover-up**
- **Contamination at Libby, MT; WTC/Ground Zero; El Dorado, CA; Now Illinois Beaches Polluted – USEPA Asbestos Cover-up**
- **Formal Complaints to USEPA Administrator Steve Johnson**

Jeffery Camplin, a nationally known asbestos expert, will expose the massive cover-up by the USEPA national headquarters and its government affiliated agencies at the Environmental Information Association Conference in Mesa at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel on March 27 at 10:30 AM. "The USEPA cover-up mode is a common element in Libby, Ground Zero, and El Dorado sites; now the Illinois shoreline is known as Libby East, despite their attempts at a cover-up," said Camplin.

An asbestos Superfund site near Waukegan, Illinois on the Lake Michigan shoreline is adjacent to Illinois Beach State Park, the most highly visited park in the state. The USEPA and state agencies have allowed this Superfund site to discharge trillions of particles of asbestos fibers into Lake Michigan for decades.

The USEPA, in a sweetheart deal with Johns Manville which is owned by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway group, has ignored the complaints to government agencies from the Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society, an environmental group, and Dunesland's consultant Jeffery Camplin.

Subsequent complaints to USEPA headquarters in Washington were met with further denials and cover-ups. Formal complaints have been made to the USEPA Administrator Steve Johnson about the misconduct of his staff at headquarters and at Region V. (MORE)

USEPA also sold out to U.S. taxpayers by having a secret, global agreement with the polluter Johns Manville, which limits asbestos remediation (clean up) to approximately \$250,000 for contamination found outside of the Johns Manville asbestos manufacturing sites or Superfund sites throughout the United States. Camplin has stated that amount will not even pay for a good study. The USEPA has falsified documents and has lead sister agencies in this massive cover-up.

The USEPA has censored and removed incriminating documents from their website, by sanitizing asbestos documents and withholding information that would further incriminate them, which makes it a secret, not transparent, agency. Health and safety asbestos expert Camplin had his registration to attend a USEPA conference withdrawn because of his efforts to expose USEPA asbestos cover-ups.

Officials have been indicted in Libby, MT for covering up information that warned of low-level asbestos exposures that have caused asbestos diseases such as mesothelioma and cancer. Some of the people who became ill in Libby never worked with asbestos in their jobs, but were exposed to low levels of tremolite asbestos fibers in their community.

Now the entire Illinois shoreline is contaminated with microscopic asbestos. Much of it has been released from the Johns Manville Superfund site. The asbestos has been redistributed and dumped on the shoreline by the US Army Corps of Engineers' dredging activities. Millions of citizens visiting the beaches have been exposed to microscopic asbestos. Government documents show asbestos deaths from mesothelioma in northern Illinois are the third highest in the United States.

The USEPA continues to allow the discharge into Lake Michigan. The USEPA cover-up continues because of a synergistic relationship between government agencies and Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Group. The Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan continues to cover-up for the blunders and secretive conduct of her office, and for the state agencies that she represents.

This national cover-up and how it relates to the other asbestos sites will be discussed in Mr. Camplin's talk on Monday, March 27 at 10:30 at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel in Mesa. Mr. Camplin will be available for interviews after his presentation.

The Illinois Dunesland Preservation Society helped found Illinois Beach State Park over 55 years ago. The park contains the nation's first Dedicated Nature Preserve.

Further background information is located at www.asbestosbeach.com.